

SERVANT LEADER

TITHING IS AN OLD SOLUTION IN HANDLING FINANCES

In our affluent American society, Catholics need and look for guidance on giving, stewardship and generosity in financial matters. Questions that are common today search the heart and conscience and have no easy answers. "What is my responsibility to my church and the poor of the world?" "How do I keep a proper balance of money and materialism in my spiritual life?" "How does my lifestyle reflect the teachings of Jesus?"

Some parishes have found that the **"Stewardship - A Way of Living"** is an excellent educational program which has helped people to put money and things into their proper perspective in a Christian lifestyle.

"There is an awful lot of sharing going on in the **"Stewardship - A Way of Living."** All newcomers to the parish are told about **"Stewardship - A Way of Living"**. People pledge to give five percent of their gross earnings per week to their parish church and five percent of those same earnings to the world's poor." This can change the spirit of the parish as people adopt a sacrificial giving approach which increases their generosity. Parishioners become more closely united and joyful and there is an outspoken loyalty to what they call 'my parish,' as one person recently said.

"Stewardship - A Way of Living" looks to Scripture for guidance and uses the biblical concept of tithing, or giving the first tenth of one's earnings back to God to take care of the Church and the poor of the world.

In **"Stewardship - A Way of Living"** there is no need for bingo, and parish functions are of a celebrating, family nature. "I'm a total supporter of **"Stewardship - A Way of Living"** and am impressed with the fact that it is an educational program with no pressure on fund-raising," a parishioner where it is followed said.

Parishioners are always pleased with the results. One person in a parish where I was told me, "I was so glad to see that our parish became a tithing parish. Ten percent of the parish income is also shared with the poor." Money goes to medical missions, church missions, rehabilitative centers, monasteries and women's groups, to name a few. Her husband added, **"Stewardship - A Way of Living"** allows our pastor more time to be the spiritual advisor that he was ordained to be rather than worrying all the time about managing money."

Parishioners have become more involved in parish activities by sharing their time and talents as well. **"Stewardship - A Way of Living"** approach is not just monetary, but involves sharing all of ourselves to ensure the continuance of our church and I've learned that God always provides for our needs," says another parishioner.

Echoing the same feelings, a parish couple added, "We never miss the money we give away. Our tithe comes from the top – the first 10 percent to God, and the other 90 percent is ours to do with as we like." While filling out church envelopes or giving to the poor, "we spend more time reflecting on the things we used to take for granted – our health, family, happiness – and see them as gifts from God. We're more conscious and make better decisions on our wants versus our needs."

Money is always a tough subject for people to deal with. Ultimately, all wage-earners must choose whether or not their money will be used to bring about good in the world. Our use of money reflects our thoughts and attitudes regarding money and possessions.

Agreeing that money has a spiritual impact on our lives, many parishes have exhibited that good can come about in the world through the use of money. **“Stewardship - A Way of Living”** helps us to see all things in perspective in the mind and heart of Christ.

~ STEWARDSHIP PRAYER ~

Praised are you, O God, our loving creator and giver of all good gifts. Bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time in worship and prayer, our talent, and our treasure to the spread of Your Kingdom here in our Church with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

~ EVENING PRAYER ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY ~

On Sunday, November 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints. In celebration of All Saints, the Cathedral Choir will present the Office of Vespers, the official Evening Prayer of the Church, at 4:30 pm, which will be followed by the regular 5:00 pm Sunday evening Mass. All are encouraged to come and partake in sung worship and prayer.

~ ALL SOULS ENVELOPES FOR NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE ~



Throughout the 2,000 year history of Catholic-Christianity, respect for Life has included remembrance of our beloved dead. The month of November stands chief among the days each year when we pray especially for the Holy Souls of the Faithful Departed.

All Souls Day this year, Monday, November 2, affords you and all our members two opportunities to share in the Paschal Mystery of the Eucharist, as we commemorate those who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith. Masses will be celebrated that day as usual at 12:10 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. Please plan to attend one of these liturgies as we pray for our loved ones, fellow parishioners, and great national/international persons who have passed from this life in the promise and hope of sharing in God's Kingdom.

In the pews, please find an All Souls envelope for the inclusion of names of the Faithful Departed you want us to remember in the Masses of November, and of every Sunday and Holyday in the year. We have set up a podium with the book of the dead wrapped in silk with a candle and modest flowers. **You will find offering envelopes by the small sign pointing to the poor box where you may place your offerings.**



These All Souls envelopes will remain on the Altar of Sacrifice throughout November and will be placed near the Blessed Sacrament during the rest of the year, as an outward sign of our mutual and concerted, ongoing remembrance of the Holy Souls.

God bless you now and always. May the Lord Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother always take care of you in this life and the next.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Cathedral is the Mother Church of the diocese where the Blessed Sacrament is honored and the poor are served. At the heart of Sacramento the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament stands beautiful and strong as a beacon of Christ's love to all those who see it. All who visit the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament experience Christ's love in action both in word and deed. And, this past year, just as in other years, gratitude for all of God's blessings served as the foundation for our lives as stewards as we give our lives to the Lord.

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OPERATING INCOME	Year Ending June 30, 2009
Offertory Collections	\$689,936
Sacramental Services	176,647
Donations	57,166
Religious Articles & Books	47,854
Religious Education	34,253
Parish Programs	50,923
Other Receipts	65,291
Total Operating Income	\$1,122,070

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	Year Ending June 30, 2009
Interest Expense	\$37,208
Loan Principle Payments	74,362
Special Collections	46,569
Other	16,496
Total Extraordinary Expenses	\$174,635

OPERATING EXPENSES	Year Ending June 30, 2009
Personal Costs	\$502,247
Liturgical Costs	72,658
Church Expenses	150,251
Rectory Expenses	22,296
Office Expenses	15,515
Religious Articles & Books	10,080
Insurance and Taxes	46,974
Charitable Donations	2,600
Religious Education (non-payroll)	25,493
Parish Programs	58,026
Diocesan Assessment	91,097
Miscellaneous Parish Expenses	29,378
Total Expenses	\$1,026,615

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME	Year Ending June 30, 2009
Preserving Our Past, Building Our Future	\$686
Dividends and Interest	11,436
Special Collections	47,569
Other	924
Total Extraordinary Income	\$146,150

Net Revenue over Expenses **\$66,970**
(see note below)

Note: \$85,000 was received from a parishioner's will in FY 2008/09. Without this generous donation the parish would have been in a deficit of \$18,030. This presented a challenge in this FY which I inherited. I am making adjustments due to reduction of income throughout this calendar year. It seems best, after the first half of this fiscal year to provide a revised budget to all parishioners in January 2010 for the rest of FY 2009-10.

Operating Income Minus Expenses **\$95,455**

We gratefully return the gifts given to us by a generous God, and from our faith community's gift as stewards, wonderful things happen. Last year, our beloved children joyously came together for the celebration of First Penance and First Eucharist, after being prepared by catechists and parents who give generously of their time and talent. As members of a faith community, we celebrate sacraments together, always striving to encounter Christ more fully in each other. The Cathedral Parish is a magnet for children.

Central to our parish's mission is the formation of faith in our youth. One of our great hopes has always been to be able to provide religious education classes at very little cost. Your stewardship generosity makes it possible.

Most of us will never know what it's like to be truly poor or live on the street. But when tragedy strikes, our parish community is at its very best. With donations of money, clothing and household items we helped people rebuild the lives they thought were lost forever. That's typical of the generosity of our parish community. Your stewardship giving makes it possible.

God willing, the generosity of our parishioners will change this situation in our stewardship response in November providing more resources for the future. The goal is always transparency and complete information for all parishioners. In the fall of next year, I will be able to provide an extensive end of the year report FY 2009-10 and a complete budget for FY 2010-11.

~ CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ~ ANNUAL PARISH LIFE REPORT 2008-2009

I am glad that the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament can expand its annual report beyond our parish finances to a report on the entire life of the parish—the ministries and activities that help fulfill our vision of making the presence of Christ a positive, vibrant, and ever-growing spiritual and social experience.

We have an estimated 2,200 families providing education for about 500 children in English and Spanish Catechism. We have 120 people involved in various levels in our strong Rite of Christian Initiation. Last year the parish had 188 Baptisms, 105 First Communions, 98 Confirmations and 81 Weddings. Catholics Returning Home has a fine team and 9 people do splendid work in the St. Vincent De Paul Society. 3 people bring Communion to a large number of sick or homebound people. We have 3 excellent Cantors in addition to our wonderful Choir. There are 30 Eucharistic ministers, 15 Lectors and 10 Altar Servers. 40 Ushers serve our people on Sunday Masses. We have active Pastoral, Finance and Liturgy Councils.



Our parish life has always been centered in our commitment of living - and modeling for others - **“Stewardship – A Way of Living”** where, in grateful appreciation for all He has given us, we seek to return to God our own selfless gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

The message of Stewardship is simple. It will change our lives and make us a blessed people of service to God and our sisters and brothers in Christ.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

~ SACRAMENTO CHORAL SOCIETY ~

The Sacramento Choral Society is launching its new season with a *Sacramento Stained Glass* Concert Series at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Come discover the recently renovated Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at the *Tribute to the English Cathedral Tradition* on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at 8:00 PM.



Donald Kendrick, Conductor; Stephen Janzen, Organist; Soloists: Alison Reid, Soprano, Daniel Yoder, Baritone. Featuring the Malcolm Archer *Requiem*; and works by Vaughan Williams, Parry, Stanford. Tickets \$12.50—\$25.00 AVAILABLE

ONLINE or by calling (916) 536-9065. Post Concert Reception. In proud partnership with KFIA AM, KTKZ AM, KKFS FM & KSAC FM. For more information email scso2005@yahoo.com (916) 536-9065. Visit http://sacramentochoral.com/DEPARTMENTS/STAINED_GLASS/nov72009.html

~ A TASTE OF NAPOLI/BISHOP QUINN ~

Join Bishop Francis A. Quinn, honorary chair, at "A Taste of Napoli," a food and wine tasting event on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center, 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights. Stroll about tasting foods of Italy, sipping wines from a dozen wineries, viewing art, and enjoying a short live auction. Tickets to this gala are \$50 each. Advance purchase required. Reserve overnight accommodations for \$125 double occupancy. Funds raised will go to scholarships and maintenance and facilities needs. Space is limited. Send payment to 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, 95621 or visit Passionist.org/ChristTheKing and download an order form. For more information, call Loretta at (916) 725-4720, ext. 323.



~ CHRISTMAS ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM ~

Catholic Charities of Sacramento is seeking individuals or families interested in 'adopting' a local family in need for Christmas. Donors are asked to provide gifts as well as a grocery store gift card. This year we are anticipating that more families will be in need than ever before. Please call the Catholic Charities office at 916-733-0253 for more information. You may also visit our website at www.diocese-sacramento.org in the Social Service Ministry section to obtain a donor registration form or to apply online.

~ RESPECT LIFE COORDINATOR ~

The Diocese of Sacramento has an immediate opening for a Respect Life Coordinator. This full-time position provides leadership in all aspects of the Catholic Church's pro-life mission, including education, public



policy advocacy and pastoral care (especially for those suffering after abortion). The successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic, have at least two years of proven experience in pro-life work, be fluent in both English and Spanish. For a full job description please visit www.diocese-sacramento.org under Job

Opportunities. Please send resume and cover letter to: personnel@diocese-sacramento.org no later than October 31, 2009

~ LIFE & CATECHESIS COORDINATOR ~

The Sacramento Diocese has an immediate opening for a full-time Family Life and Catechesis Program Coordinator to assist the Director of the Department of Evangelization and Catechesis and the Associate Director of Catechesis in the creation and administration of family life and catechetical programs, events, services and resources. A Bachelor's Degree in theology, religious studies or a related field is preferred. Bilingual (English/Spanish) a plus. A proven commitment to continuing study of the documents of the Catholic Church, specifically the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, papal encyclicals and exhortations, and documents of the USCCB is required. Qualified candidates should forward their resume to the personnel@diocese-sacramento.org by November 15th for consideration.

~ CHOIR IN ITALY NOVEMBER 5-15~

The Cathedral Choir and parishioners from the Cathedral and other local parishes will be in Italy from November 5 through November 15. There are more than 30 in the group including Rex Rallanka, Choir Director. In addition, about 11 are continuing on to Paris, France, for five extra days. Expect to hear from us as we visit Florence, Assisi, Pompei, Rome, and Paris. The choir will be singing several Masses throughout the tour including Mass at St. Peter's Basilica and for the Holy Father at his Wednesday Papal Audience. The choir will return for Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2009.

~ ALL HALLOWS EVE (HALLOWEEN) ~

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

The Church's All Hallows Eve traditions are at best confused in the United States. Originally celebrated in the 4th century as the Eastern Church's Feast of Martyrs around Eastertime, Pope Gregory IV established the commemoration of All Saints Day in 835 in May. Later in the 9th century, it was moved to November 1 to counter the Celtic pagan feast of Samhain, the Druid's New Year. Part of the confusion over All Hallows Eve is that some of the traditions of the Druids are still in use today (Jack-O-Lanterns, black cats, ghostly costumes). *Halloween can still be a Christian celebration, kept as the Vigil of All Saints Day.* Halloween costumes should reflect gospel values. Trick-or-treat is just good, old fashioned hospitality; in Christ's name, we welcome all who knock. Walking in the streets in masks reminds us of our journey to heaven. Once our journey is done, we will take off our masks and see ourselves as we truly are the beloved Children of God, the saints in glory.

~ ALL SAINTS (HALLOWS) DAY ~

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2009

On All Saints Day, we celebrate the countless saints who have shown us the wisdom and grace of God taking on flesh in people who have gone before us and in the people around us. The Beatitudes of the All Saints Day Gospel are the lenses to help us see the world as God sees it. They focus our eyes on the people who are blessed and important in God's sight. As disciples we are called to follow Jesus where he leads us and, like the saints, to see the world with God's eyes. Once we see where the people are that God blesses, we will be on our way to blessedness ourselves.



The Diocese of Sacramento will hold a Young Adult Conference on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Open to all young adults (age 18-39). Join us at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in El Dorado Hills. The day will feature Stan Cordero, Delis Alejandro and the Young Adult Ministry Team from St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica, CA, with music from Papa Joe Lucero and his band! Cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch, a t-shirt and childcare. Register at www.yaconference.com or call 916-733-0152.

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

MON 10/26/2009 **30TH WEEKDAY**
 Rom 8: 12-17; Lk 13: 10-17
 12:10 pm: Russel Scott +
 5:10 pm: Ivan Konjevod +

TUES 10/27/2009 **30TH WEEKDAY**
 Rom 8: 18-25; Lk 13: 18-21
 12:10 pm: William Joseph Murray +
 5:10 pm: Mara Matic +

WED 10/28/2009 **ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE**
 Eph 2: 19-22; Lk 6: 12-16
 12:10 pm: Mary Alice Wuydts +
 5:10 pm: Cvijepa Matic +

THU 10/29/2009 **30TH WEEKDAY**
 Rom 8: 31b-39; Lk 13: 31-35
 12:10 pm: Francis J. Elliott +
 5:10 pm: Luis Raul Rodriguez +

FRI 10/30/2009 **30TH WEEKDAY**
 Rom 9: 1-5; Lk 14: 1-6
 12:10 pm: Our Lady of Guadalupe

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
WED & THUR 12:40PM-4:45PM FRI 12:40PM-3:45PM
TO SIGN UP CALL ISABELLA CAZARES 391-1760 OR 833-1948,
OR E-MAIL BECAZ96@SBCGLOBAL.NET

CATHEDRAL TOURS EVERY SUNDAY
AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!